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# SANITARY LEGISLATION.

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## STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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### MISSISSIPPI.

The Mississippi State Board of Health is authorized to promulgate regulations, and a penalty for violating such regulations is provided by the following sections of the Mississippi Code of 1906:

SEC. 2489. *Power to make and publish rules.*—The State board of health is authorized to make and publish all reasonable rules and regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its duties and powers to carry out the purposes and objects of its creation and reasonable sanitary rules and regulations to be enforced in the several counties by the county health officer under the supervision and control of the State board of health.

SEC. 2511. *Penalty for violating rules of the State board of health.*—Any person who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this chapter, or any rule or regulation of the State board of health, or any order or regulation of the board of supervisors of any county herein authorized to be made, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$50 or imprisoned in the county jail not more than one month, or both.

The Mississippi State Board of Health has published the regulations appearing herewith. In the introduction to these regulations as published appears the following statement which seems to indicate that the regulations are intended largely for educational purposes:

It is not the purpose of the State board to institute legal proceedings against any citizen of the State for the violation of the rules and regulations in protecting the public health unless it becomes absolutely essential. It is the desire and aim of the board to aid and educate the people upon sanitary subjects in every practicable way and thereby create a wholesome public sentiment in behalf of the proper sanitary environment. \* \* \*

### **Hotels, Restaurants, and Boarding Houses—Regulation and Inspection of. (Reg. St. Bd. of H., Aug. 20, 1912.)**

A hotel within the meaning of these regulations is any inn or lodging house of three or more rooms where transient guests are fed or lodged for pay in this State.

The term "restaurant" as used in these regulations also includes lunch counters.

1. The inspectors of the State board of health are hereby authorized to enter any hotel or restaurant at all reasonable hours to make such inspection as may be necessary, and it is hereby made the duty of every person in the management or control of such hotel or restaurant to afford free access to any and all parts of the same and